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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/SPECIES ELECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 5, 2006, please consider the following. A petition for an extension of time is also included herein, the Official Fee therefor being payable by deposit account.

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